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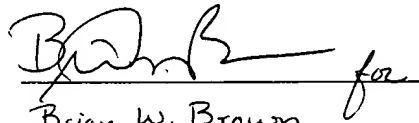
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**Response to Rule 312
Communication**

- ☒ The petition filed on March 16, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.



Brian W. Brown
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- ☒ The amendment filed on 3/16/2000 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- ☒ entered.
- ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.